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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the West, but steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was mostly slow to moderate, but improvements were expected as first of the month approaches. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, mid-week demand was fair to moderate. Wings were adequate to readily available with larger sizes in the longest position. Breast items were balanced to well cleared, and dark meat was sufficient and clearing. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 75.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 68.75 cents last year on March 1, 2006.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	193.50
BREASTS - B/S	158.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	101.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	109.00
LEG QUARTERS	42.00
WINGS	134.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with optimism for upcoming first of the month business and planned features. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Wings were mixed, but available and moving. Breast items and dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate during mid week trading. Offerings were about adequate to adequate for current trade with heavier sizes in the better balance. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were in close balance and held with confidence. Leg and leg quarters were well cleared. Wings were noted as in better balance and were generally sufficient for trade needs.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offers were adequate to available for the light trade inquiry. Fill in trading was noted on 3.5 pound and up wogs delivering into the Chicago area at 69 cents. Retail and food service demand were slow to moderate at best with light demand noted into some restaurants and fast food. There was some anticipation for increased consumer activity as the first of the month approaches quickly. Floor stocks were balanced to long, while weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable. Buyers continued to purchase hand to mouth. Supplies of most part items were adequate to close, except large wings, which were adequate to available. The market tone was barely steady on large wings, generally steady on regular wings, and steady on all other parts.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiments were steady to fully steady. Offerings were at least adequate to supply immediate needs. Retailer demand was fairly good at best. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was about steady on parts.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 24, 2007. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 24, 2007. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through February 24, 2007 were 1.38 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

			Percent Change
WEEK ENDING 02/24/07	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
EGGS SET	213,547	216,954	-02
CHICKS PLACED	172,115	173,142	-01

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 07-Apr-07 is estimated at 158.2 million head. This compares to 157.7 million head the previous week and to 163.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 58.92 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEBRUARY 28, 2007

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	607	145.00-223.00	-	151.00	BREAST - B/S	572	142.00-220.00	-	153.15
TENDERLOINS	263	171.00-244.00	-	177.93	TENDERLOINS	298	170.00-235.00	172-175	176.46
BREAST - LINE RUN	100	95.00-105.00	-	100.15	BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	279	52.00-62.00	54-55	54.29	LEGS	182	52.00-62.00	54-55	54.58
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	625	35.00-43.00	39-40	38.90	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	575	36.00-42.00	39-40	39.22
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	694	38.00-45.00	40-41	41.92	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	589	38.00-44.00	41-42	41.40
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	97.00-132.00	-	101.23	WINGS (WHOLE)	295	99.00-122.00	-	106.73
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				WINGS (CUT)	280	121.00-149.00	-	127.23
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.					RANGE				
RANGE					TODAY'S AVERAGE				
63.50 - 69.25					64.00 - 68.50				
TODAY'S AVERAGE					5-DAY AVERAGE				
65.56					66.45				
63.50 - 69.25					66.45				

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was mostly moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items, tenders and thigh meat were in good balance to well cleared. Other dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were noted as in better balance than earlier in the week and was at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady for breast items and tenders. The balance of items were generally steady.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

FEBRUARY 27, 2007				FEBRUARY 28, 2007			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	153.47	629,459	BREAST - B/S	160-165	152.64	479,047
TENDERLOINS	175	164.00	236,474	TENDERLOINS	175	172.61	140,042
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	104.70	100,360	BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	108.18	53,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	102.20	90,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.60	90,000
LEGS	54-55	55.50	154,040	LEGS	54-55	53.44	223,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	41.67	312,973	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.16	174,440
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	53.45	73,000	DRUMSTICKS	47-48	53.80	55,340
THIGHS	51-52	56.64	70,040	THIGHS	51-52	56.40	58,420
B/S THIGHS	110-111	109.58	63,880	B/S THIGHS	110-111	111.67	38,260
WINGS (WHOLE)	128-129	120.33	163,240	WINGS (WHOLE)	128-129	124.43	109,100
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.83	17,280	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.78	32,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.79	13,840	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.25	5,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.19	33,680	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.43	21,200

***** INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)								AVG WTS
ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		WTS
(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)		
02/28	02/27	02/26	02/23	02/26	02/23	02/21	02/19	
Alabama	3,739	3,972	3,871	3,826	5.50	5.44	3,367	5.37
Arkansas	4,998	5,169	5,075	4,514	5.28	4.83	4,893	5.21
Delmarva	2,225	2,202	2,183	2,054	5.80	5.69	2,120	5.72
KY-LA-TN	2,004	2,297	2,093	2,213	5.03	4.91	1,983	5.03
Mississippi	3,037	3,008	3,014	3,091	5.62	5.42	2,907	5.43
N Carolina	2,762	2,728	2,683	2,437	6.77	6.75	2,658	6.78
Texas	2,475	2,466	2,431	1,925	5.41	5.07	2,519	5.29
Total	21,240	21,842	21,350	20,060	5.60	5.39	20,447	5.51
Mon-Wed	64,973(A)						63,143(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Feb-07 is estimated to be 31,777,000 head up 3.57 percent from a week ago and up 2.14 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,683,000, last year 31,112,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP		99-108
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		65-74
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105
	DRY PACK	110-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	86-100
	DRY PACK	100-107
DUCKS		185-195

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Mar-07

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/03/07 (1)	02/24/07
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	161,688 (2)	158,966
Light hens	1,147	1,252
Heavy hens	1,409	1,406
Total	164,244	161,624

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Mar-07 is 161.8 million head compared to 160.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.0 million head or 0.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 10-Mar-07 the estimated available is 162.0 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 02/26/07	68,283	54,301
AM 02/01/07	53,819	56,977
CHG	14,464	-2,676
PCT CHG	27	-5

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/26/07	02/19/07	02/27/06	02/26/07	02/19/07	02/27/06
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	2,066	1,976	1,969	7,767	7,825	6,608
	153	159	54	2,188	2,196	3,418

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2007

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	69-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	70-88

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**FOR 02/27/07**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	.80	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.10	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	9.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	6.00
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.20	2.40	2.31	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	5.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	14					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending February 23, 2007

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	65.88	139.99	57.64	12.35	4.12	64.64
High	70.82	148.22	65.88	16.47	4.12	64.64
Mostly	65.88	144.11	61.76	12.35	4.12	64.64

SAN JUAN

Low	65.88	139.99	57.64	12.35	2.06	63.82
High	72.05	144.11	74.11	16.47	4.12	63.82
Mostly	65.88	139.99	65.88	16.47	4.12	63.82

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	65.88	144.11	65.88	12.35	4.12	65.88
High	72.46	152.34	69.99	16.47	8.23	65.88
Mostly	65.88	148.22	65.88	16.47	4.12	65.88

BECERRA

Low	67.52	144.11	69.99	12.35	4.12	67.94
High	73.29	148.22	74.11	16.47	8.23	67.94
Mostly	67.52	148.22	69.99	16.47	4.12	67.94

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate for midweek business. Seller offerings were usually sufficient, however some areas were short on the heavy sizes. Live supplies were sufficient; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 77 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, wings were balanced to available. Breast and tenders were in good balance and clearing well. Dark meat items were adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	67-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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